

REMARKS

This application is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/692,547 filed October 24, 2003, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674 filed December 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,678,492 issued January 13, 2004. This application claims the priority of U.S. Serial No. 10/692,547 and U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674. U.S. Serial No. 09/907,326 filed July 17, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,608,983 issued August 19, 2003, is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674. U.S. Serial No. 10/692,547, U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674 and U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674, and U.S. Patents Nos. 6,678,492 and 6,608,983 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

U.S. Serial No. 10/692,547 is pending today and this application is co-pending therewith for the purposes of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-138, and added claims 139-164. Accordingly, claims 139-164 are now pending in the subject application and presented for examination. Applicants maintain that this Preliminary Amendment does not introduce new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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